(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some cash fine has been fixed for FPSs which do not submit their drafts within prescribed dates;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the amount collected on this account so far;

(g) whether Government propose to impose some cash fine against staff of F.C.I. and Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation who do not ensure supply of rationed items within the prescribed time limit; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The dates fixed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT) for collection of drafts are as follows:

For Wheat and Rice & Atta: 16th, 19th, and 26th for the first fortnight and 2nd, 6th and 10th for the second fortnight.

For Levy Sugar, 23rd of each month.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Officers of Food and Civil Supplies Department have been instructed to hand over the drafts to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation (DSCSC) on the day on which drafts are received by them.

(e) To ensure availability of sugar at the Fair Price Shops (FPS) at the beginning of each month, FPS holders have been asked to deposit Demand Drafts for sugar latest by 23rd of each month. For intentional defaulters, a provision has been made to penalise them by way of forfeiture of security, if the circumstances so warrant. This has been communicated to the FPS holders. No such action has been contemplated in case of default in depositing demand drafts for wheat, rice and atta.

(f) The total amount forfeited is Rs. 17450 during the months of June and July, 1993.

(g) and (h) Delhi Administration has reported that there is no such proposal under consideration.

Rationing Offices in Noida

1752. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the rationing offices functioning in Noida, district Ghaziabad:

(b) whether the present number of rationing offices in Noida is sufficient for the whole population of Noida;

(c) whether the Fair Price Shops in Noida are functioning properly as per the rules and timings prescribed for them; and

(d) if not, what action has so far been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance, under Revamped PDS

1753. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of assistance provided by the Central Government to the States and Union Territories since the launching of the Revamped Public Distribution Scheme (RPDS) last year;

(b) the details of the use of this assistance by the concerned States and Union Territories separately; and

(c) the number of additional fair price shops, additional ration cards and additional storage capacity created in the RPDS areas so far.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The amount of financial assistance given to the States/UTs for purchase of mobiles vans and for construction of godowns in 1991-92 and 1992-93 are given in Statements I & II (see below). A statement showing the number of additional fair price shops opened, additional ration cards issued and additional storage capacity created/hired by the State Governments under Revamped Public Distribution System is given in Statement III (*see* below)

The vans purchased with financial assistance given to the States/UTs are meant to be used as mobile fair price shops and/or to deliver the PDS items at the doorsteps of the fair price shops. Assistance provided for construction of godowns is to enable the State Governments to create additional storage facilities for stocking of PDS commodities in the interior areas.

Statement - I

Finance assistance to States/UTs for purchase of Vans to be operated as mobile fair price shops in Tribal, Remote, Far-flung and desert areas

(Amount Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State/ UTs	1991-92 amount	No. of vehicles	1992-93 amount	No. of vehicles	1993-94 amount	No. of vehicles
1.	Andhra Pradesh			60.00	15		
2.	Bihar			40.00	10		
3.	Haryana	25.00	10	40.00	10		
4.	Himachal Pradesh					32.00	8
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	32.50	13	40.00	10		
6.	Karnataka	25.00	10	48.00	12		
7.	Kerala	22.50	9	60.00	15		
8.	Madhya Pradesh					80.00	20
9.	Maharashtra	30.00	12	60.00	15		
10.	Meghalaya			12.00	3		
11.	Mizoram			32.00	8		
12.	Nagaland			24.00	6		
13.	Orissa	40.00	16	60.00	15		
14.	Punjab	10.00	4				
15.	Rajasthan	20.00	8			140.00	35
16.	Sikkim	0.23					
17.	Tamilnadu			32.00	8		
18.	Tripura			4.00	1		
19.	Uttar Pradesh					100.00	25
20.	West Bengal			72.00	18		
21.	A & N. Islands			12.00	3		
	TOTAL :	205.23	82	596.00	149	352.00	88

Statement -II

Financial assistance to states/UTs. for construction of Godowns

(Assistance in Rs. lakhs)

(Capacity in MTs)

Sl. No.	Name of States/ UTs	1991-92 Asst.	1991-92 Cap'ty	1992-93 Asst.	1992-93 Cap'ty	1993-94 Asst.	1993-94 Cap'ty
1.	Nagaland			25.00	600.00		
2.	Lakshadweep	7.50	500 (1)	Nil.			
3.	Andaman & Nicobar	31.00	1000 (1)	10.00*			
4.	Sikkim			5.00	850	7.00*	
5.	Mizoram			61.35	5040		
6.	Tripura			30.00	1250		
7.	Karnataka			132.00	8200		
8.	Orissa			203.00	13000		
9.	Arunachal Pradesh			4.00	200		
10.	Bihar			48.00	4000		
11.	West Bengal			96.46	6000		
12.	Maharashtra			77.50	4000		
13.	Madhya Pradesh			98.04	6000		
	TOTAL :	38.50	1500 (2)	795.35	49140	7.00	

*Amounts released to Andaman & Nicobar Islands during 1992-93 and to Sikkim in 1993-94 relate to payment of balance amounts sanctioned during the earlier year.

Statement-III

Statement showing the No. of additional Fair Price Shops opened, additional ration cards issue and additional storage capacity created/Hired by States/UTs under Revamped PDS.

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Addl. FPS opened	Addi-tional ration cards issued	Additional storage capacity hired/ created	
				Hired (MTs)	Created (MTs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	362	133756	Nil	Nil
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	194	12031	Nil	650
3.	Assam	312	12973	Nil	Nil
4.	Bihar	1083	296885	Nil	8600
5.	Gujarat	274	83647	7650	Nil
6.	Haryana	432	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.	Himachal Pradesh	5	594	2000	1300

1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	123	Nil	5450	Nil
9.	Karnataka	567	500395	Nil	9800
10.	Kerala	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1276	527000	28000	Nil
12.	Maharashtra	2624	456000	17000	6000
13.	Manipur	42	65890	Nil	Nil
14.	Meghalaya	50	1245	200	Nil
15.	Mizoram	99	5058	Nil.	2000
16.	Nagaland	24	Nil	7340	Nil
17.	Orissa	992	40472	Nil	Nil
18.	Rajasthan	910	326463	Nil	25550
19.	Sikkim	2	30000	Nil	Nil
20.	Tamilnadu	19	71500	Nil	Nil
21.	Tripura	32	17995	425	Nil
22.	Uttar Pradesh	1141	80305	25000	Nil
23.	West Bengal	39	17373	Nil	Nil
24.	A & N. Islands	18	369	Nil	Nil
25.	D & N. Haveli	6	1084	Nil	Nil
26.	Daman & Diu	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
27.	Lakshadweep	1	Nil	300	Nil
	TOTAL :	10631	2681035	93365	53900

Irregularities being Indulged in by B.I.S. Officials

1754. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the alleged malpractices and irregularities in granting I.S.I. marks by some officials of the Bureau of Indian Standard New Delhi to products which do not satisfy the I.S.I. standards;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made to find out those responsible and to punish them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two reports appeared in the Navbharat Times on 24th and 25th May, 1993 containing allegations against a few officers of the BIS. Other complaints of similar nature have also been received.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Preliminary enquiries have already been completed in some cases and the same are in progress in the case of others.